

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 – 9, 11-21, and 23-28 were pending this case. In an After Final Advisory Action mailed March 16, 2007, the Examiner noted that if Claims 19-21 were cancelled, the case would be in condition for allowance. In response, the Applicant has cancelled Claims 19-21 without prejudice to subsequently re-filing in a continuation and/or divisional application. The Applicant has further included the amendments to the other claims provided in the After Final Response, which put them in condition for allowance by overcoming the informalities noted in the Final Office Action dated Nov. 15, 2006.

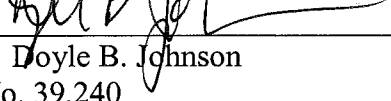
Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and it is respectfully submitted that this case is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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